

Friends of St. John the Caregiver May 2009 Non-event Fund-raiser

“If this event *really* happened . . . ”

-or-

“I’m so glad I don’t have to do *that!*”

What I would think	Position I’ve avoided	Duties I’ve escaped	Personal benefits
“The last time I did this was for my high school junior prom. It was swell!”	chairperson	attending meetings, refereeing meetings, finding band, choosing refreshments, locating and renting hall	quiet, restful evenings at home, no dealing with (forceful) committee members, no middle-of-the-night panic attacks
“I love dancing! This will be fun and since I’m only the vice-chairperson there won’t be much for me to do.”	vice-chairperson ; ad hoc chairperson	being chairperson after he/she storms off threatening to sue everyone involved, no longer answers the phone, or moves to avoid being chairperson	no feelings of abandonment and/or no sense of being conned
“I love music! I know just what this dance needs.”	music committee	listening to a lot of horrible music recommended by fellow committee members who have no – zero! – idea of what <u>good</u> music really is	no migraines
“My friends say I should be a professional caterer!”	refreshment committee	making 1,500 little wieners wrapped in little bits of crescent roll dough	still being able to eat and enjoy wrapped wieners
“My friends say I should be a professional decorator!”	set up (“I thought this was supposed to be decorating.”)	unfolding 10-foot tables, unloading racks of chairs	no need for jumbo bottle of ibuprofen or ice packs
“It’s just the two of us for all this?”	take down	loading racks of chairs, folding 10-foot tables	(see above)
“Hello? Anybody here?”	clean up (see “chairperson”)	clean, sweep, mop, take out trash, and on and on	no staying at hall till 3 a.m.
“I haven’t been dancing in years!”	participant (ready to dance till dawn!)	finding donors, getting favorite outfit dry cleaned before trying it on, blaming dry cleaner for shrinking outfit, buying new outfit	no remembering why – oh, the pain – you haven’t been dancing in years and no admitting (huff puff) you aren’t as young as you used to be

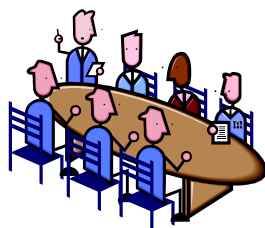
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♥Save time, save money, save your peace of mind! A “non-event” means every dollar you donate to the Friends of St. John the Caregiver goes to help family caregivers.

♥Write a check, sit back and relax!

♥No meetings, no traveling, no to-do list, no pressing deadlines, no squeezing your feet into dress shoes you haven’t worn in quite a while . . . no easier way to offer your support.

Thank you and God bless you.



**And check out “the minutes”
from a fictitious committee
meeting on the back of this!**

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No, this didn't happen. It's fiction. But it's not hard to imagine just how complicated *really* having a dance marathon could be.
Thank you, dear donors, for helping all of us avoid this . . . and so much more!

An excerpt from the minutes of the Feb. 12, 2009, Ad Hoc Dance Marathon Committee meeting:

. . . Sharon S. said, speaking of decorations, she could supply bunting for the walls. She was pretty sure that box was still in her basement somewhere. She cautioned she had only red, white and blue and several had "All the Way with L.B.J." in their center.

Patrick K. recommended crepe paper be used instead of Sharon's bunting because some of the dancers would be Republicans and would not be fans of L.B.J.

Mark P. noted that perhaps this would make the Republicans dance faster which wouldn't be a bad thing. Especially for a cha-cha.

Chairman Daniel P. tabled the bunting/crepe paper discussion.

Sharon S. asked if cha-cha songs would be among the dance music offered at the marathon and questioned if that music would be appropriate for a Catholic dance marathon.

Patrick K. said he and his wife liked to cha-cha and what was Sharon S. inferring.

Sharon S. said she wasn't inferring anything and she assumed Patrick K. meant what was she implying.

Patrick K.'s response was unintelligible.

Mark P. opined that a cha-cha dance was OK but a ha-cha-cha dance was not.

Chairman Daniel P. tabled the cha-cha/ha-cha-cha discussion.

The chairman asked for recommendations for how long the Friends of St. John the Caregiver Dance Marathon 2009 should last.

Patrick K. said until only one couple was standing.

Sharon S. said this was supposed to be a fund-raising event not a contest to see who could dance the longest.

Mark P. noted that some dancers would not be standing at all because they would be in wheelchairs.

Chairman Daniel P. tabled the length-of-the-event discussion.

Sharon S. asked Patrick K. what was wrong with L.B.J. and Chairman Daniel P. said that discussion had been tabled.

Patrick K. asked what kind of ~~booze~~ beverages would be served at the marathon and highly recommended ice-cold beer.

Sharon S. said some of the participants would be under the legal age for drinking alcoholic beverages.

Patrick K. said "party pooper."

Mark P. recommended ice-cold beer be served at all Ad Hoc Dance Marathon Committee meetings. And chips.

Chairman Daniel P. tabled the ice-cold beer discussion and adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m. in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted by . . .